



NEWSLETTER



LODGE INFO

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Secretary

Carla Johnson

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VIST OUR WEBSITE

royaloakdetroitelks.com



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LODGE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thurs. - 5pm-10pm

Wednesday - 1pm to 10pm

Friday - 5pm to 10pm

Saturday - 2pm to 10pm

Sunday - 2pm to 8pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon & Thurs - 12 to 2

LODGE MEETINGS

4th Thursday of each Month
@7pm

Except Feb, March & April

2nd and 4th Thursday

Nov & Dec 2nd Thursday



Dear Members,

In July, I attended my first National Convention, and it was an incredible experience. Seeing the number of Elks Lodges and members from across the country really drove home the size of our organization and the impact we have in the charitable realm. The National Convention was held in Chicago to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Elks National Veterans Memorial. If you find yourself in the Windy City, make sure you take the time to visit. The Memorial is a beautiful Beaux-Arts style building, open to the public, and serves as a meaningful reminder of how long our Order has stood for service and community.

Visiting the Memorial also made me think about our own lodge's long history. The Detroit Elks chartered in 1885 and the Royal Oak Elks in 1926. Separately, and now combined, that's more than a century of supporting our community and keeping our traditions strong, something every member has helped carry forward. A significant part of the funding we distribute in the form of grants, youth scholarships, veteran assistance, and support for disabled children comes from the Elks National Foundation (ENF). This year, the Elks have designated August as Elks National Foundation Fidelity Club Month. Please consider honoring our legacy and supporting our community by setting up a recurring monthly donation for as little as \$5.00. Your steady support sustains vital Elks programs year-round, and each donation is recognized as coming from you and applied to our lodge's ENF totals. You can join instantly at: elks.org/enf/FidelityClub.cfm.

I'm happy to report some good news about our building. We've completed a four-year effort to replace all the Lodge's rooftop HVAC units, a major investment of more than \$60,000. This keeps our facility comfortable and reliable for years to come. Next on the list are roof repairs and improvements to the parking lot. These projects are made possible through hall rentals, club sales, and, most importantly, your use of the Lodge. So please stop in and enjoy your home lodge, bring friends, play cards, grab a bite, or simply take part in the activity around you. Renting the hall for your events is another great way to support the Lodge.

If you're looking for a good reason to stop in, join us on Friday, August 21st, for Charcoal Grilled Burger Night. It's a simple, laid-back way to catch up on Lodge happenings and enjoy time with fellow members. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Fraternally Yours, Jill Kusters, Exalted Ruler

2026-2027 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler
Jill Kusters

Leading Knight
Dave Fett

Loyal Knight
Sean Dare

Lecturing Knight
Glen Goodson

Secretary
Carla Johnson

Treasurer
Lana Chappell

Esquire
Mike Rearick

Inner Guard
Michele Murto

Chaplin
Wendy Gambill

Tiler
Pat Villerot

Board of Trustees

- 1 Year - Randy Ravary
- 2 Year - Jerry Reynolds
- 3 Year - Michelle Collick
- 4 Year - Dan Martin
- 5 Year - Jim Flanigan

Board of Directors
Chair
Jim Flanigan

House Committee
Chair
Michelle Collick

LODGE EVENTS

★ JOIN US FOR A GREAT ★
NIGHT
 at the
ROYAL OAK-DETROIT LODGE #34
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST
 ★ 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM ★
QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING
AT 8:00 PM
CHAR GRILLED BURGER & FRIES
\$8
Queen of HEARTS RAFFLE
\$10
PER NUMBERED ENVELOPE
54 ENVELOPES
WINNER GETS HALF!
GOOD FOOD. GREAT FUN.
DON'T MISS IT!
SEE YOU THERE!

ELKS APPAREL
WE CARE - WE SHARE

LONG SLEEVE DRY-FIT 2-SIDED
T-SHIRT
POLO SHIRT

APPAREL ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Payment Method: ☐ Cash ☐ Check Total Amount: \$ _____

T-SHIRT Price: \$15.00 for S-XL \$17.00 for 2XL \$20.00 for 3XL-5XL
 Size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL ☐ Other _____
 Color: ☐ Navy ☐ Light Blue ☐ Black

POLO SHIRT Price: \$24.00 for S-XL \$28.00 for 2XL \$32.00 for 3XL-5XL
 Size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL ☐ Other _____
 Color: ☐ Navy ☐ Light Blue ☐ Black ☐ White ☐ Red

LONG SLEEVE DRY-FIT 2-SIDED Price: \$25.00 for S-XL \$28.00 for 2XL \$32.00 for 3XL
 Size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL
 Color: ☐ Navy ☐ Light Blue ☐ Black

Payment is due with order form. Orders will be placed once a minimum of 5 orders is reached.

SHOW YOUR ELKS PRIDE!
★ ORDER TODAY! ★

ROUND UP
Make a Big Impact!

SUPPORT THE BUILDING FUND

Every little bit adds up to something great! When you round up your purchase, you're helping create a stronger future for our community.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

YOU SHOP
 Enjoy your purchase as usual.

WE ROUND UP
 We round your total up to the next dollar.

WE GIVE TOGETHER
 100% of the round-up goes to our fund.

EXAMPLES:

\$12.40 ROUNDS UP TO \$13.00	\$27.65 ROUNDS UP TO \$28.00	\$49.10 ROUNDS UP TO \$50.00
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Small change. Big change.

Thank you

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE AN Amazing Impact!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN OUR FUTURE!

★ ROYAL OAK-DETROIT ELKS LODGE 34 ★
MEMBERSHIP MIXER

BAR BANGO
MUSIC BINGO NIGHT!

BINGO

WIN PRIZES!
FREE TO PLAY!

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
Starting SEPTEMBER 19TH!

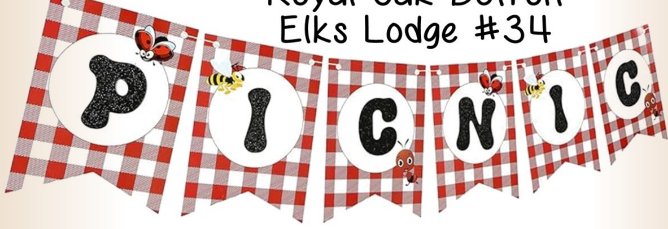
ROYAL OAK-DETROIT ELKS LODGE 34
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Community. Charity. Connection.
 BECOME A MEMBER. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS TO COORDINATE AND HELP WITH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT THE LODGE. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE REACH OUT TO AN OFFICER AT THE LODGE OR CONTACT US AT OFFICEMANAGER34@COMCAST.NET OR LEAVE US A MESSAGE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE AT ROYALOAKDETROITELKS.COM

LODGE EVENTS

Royal Oak-Detroit
Elks Lodge #34



WE'RE GEARING UP FOR ANOTHER AMAZING ELKS PICNIC, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS! THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY, MEET FELLOW ELKS, AND HAVE SOME FUN IN THE SUN

OUR NEXT PLANNING MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH @7PM AT THE LODGE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING BUT LIKE TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

SHAD GARNER @248-632-0436 -OR- DAVE FETT @810-602-4358

Saturday

September
12
2026



Noon to 6:00

SCOUT PARK, Hazel Park
South of 9 Mile - East of John R.
Between Russell & Highland

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Michigan Major Projects 365 PINK BANKS

Small change. **BIG IMPACT.**
Your "change" can be the change for special needs children in Michigan!



Royal Oak Detroit Members—Join in the statewide **COINS 4 KIDS** challenge by filling **ONE 365 PINK BANK** filled with coins (or dollars!) to support the Michigan Elks Association Major Project Commission!



BE SURE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT
AND TURN IN YOUR BANK BY
SEPTEMBER 30TH!

Thank you for making a difference!



ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
SERVING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

BENJAMIN O. DAVIS VETERANS VILLAGE DONUT DAY for our VETERANS

A SMALL TREAT. A BIG THANK YOU.



FRIDAY
AUGUST 14TH



9:30AM



DONUTS AND
COFFEE WILL
BE SERVED!



WISHLISTS WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED TO
VETERANS

Because you served,
we are grateful.



SPONSORED BY
ROYAL OAK / DETROIT ELKS LODGE #34
VETERANS COMMITTEE

HELP NEEDED

THE BENJAMIN O. DAVIS
Veterans Village

IS IN NEED OF:



KITCHEN COOKING
SUPPLIES

(POTS, PANS, UTENSILS,
STRAINERS, ETC)

Gently used is great!



ALSO, ANY
SOCKS

you might have
IS APPRECIATED!



Thank you for supporting
our veterans!

LODGE NEWS

ROYAL OAK – DETROIT ELKS #34 ★ 33RD ANNUAL ★ GOLF SCRAMBLE

JULY 18, 2026 • RAMMLER GOLF CLUB



Thank You!



TO ALL OUR GOLFERS, SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTERS
FOR MAKING OUR 33RD ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE A HUGE SUCCESS!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS!

- Jim & Laura Flanigan
- Kathy Tasch
- Carla Johnson
- Charlotte Smith
- Maxine & David Fett

- Jeff & Michelle Collick
- Teresa Garner
- Geri Rex
- Lisa Vitale
- Cheryl Olson

- Jill Kusters
- Jon Curcio
- Gerry Goodwin
- Katie Murto
- Helen Lawton



★ SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! ★

District / STATE NEWS



Joe Antonishek, Jr
Michigan Elks Association Past State President

A Fraternal Organization

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7-23-26

The 2026 Fall Conference will be held at Shanty Creek Resort
on October 15, 2026, to October 18, 2026

Address:
Shanty Creek Resort
5780 Shanty Creek Road
Bellaire, Michigan 49615



ONLINE RESERVATIONS Scan the QR Code or
visit: <https://www.shantycreek.com/reservations/michigan-elks-association/>

Phone no: 231-533-8621
Toll free: 866-695-5010

To reserve a room for the 70th Fall Conference, members must call Shanty Creek Resort directly on 866-695-5010. Please tell the reservation agent that you are attending the Michigan Elks Association Conference. Rooms at the Main Hotel are \$114.00 per night, plus tax.

There are Condo units available at an additional cost based on the number of bedrooms needed and the number of people staying in the Condo unit.

**Please note all Hotel Reservations close on September 14, 2026.
After September 14, 2026, the Michigan Elks Association Group rate Expires.**

Friday Night Meet & Greet (8:00 – 11:00 PM)
Refreshments and light snacks will be served. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in October.

Fraternally,
Joe Antonishek, Jr. – PSP
Mike Bartolotta – PSP
Convention Committee

Elks Care - Elks Share

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks – Grand Lodge

AUGUST IS FIDELITY CLUB MONTH!

Make a lasting impact all year long!

Join the Fidelity Club and provide ongoing support that helps the Elks National Foundation build stronger communities.



Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.

JOIN THE CLUB

Automate your support of the Elks National Foundation with a monthly gift through your credit card or bank account.

Becoming a Fidelity Club member is an easy and secure way to support your Foundation!

Scan the QR code or visit
secure.elks.org/FidelityClub
to learn more.



*Thank you for
your continued support!*

5 REASONS to join the ENF FIDELITY CLUB

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| CONVENIENCE
It takes less than five minutes to sign up, and then you can forget about it! | FLEXIBILITY
You can increase, modify, or cancel your gift at any time. | SECURITY
It is safe and secure, and you don't need to worry about a check getting lost in the mail! | RECOGNITION
Members get exclusive stickers, pins, and invites to an event at the Elks Convention! | SATISFACTION
You get to help build stronger communities! |



Your monthly gift. Their brighter future.

Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities

GRAND LODGE NEWS

161st Session

Elks Care — Elks Share

Chicago, Illinois



GRAND LODGE Convention News

JULY 5 - JULY 8, 2026

Carrying Chicago's Momentum Home to Our Lodge

By Jill Kusters, ER

During this year's Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago, one message rose above all others: Elkdome is moving forward with renewed energy and purpose. Newly installed Grand Exalted Ruler, Timothy F. Jaeger of Napa, California Lodge No. 832, brought a fresh sense of momentum, and his call to action, **"Ready Elks - Let's Go!"**, set an upbeat, motivating tone that carried throughout the entire week.

The convention focused heavily on strengthening local communities. The Elks National Foundation announced a remarkable \$49.6 million commitment to nationwide programs, supporting everything from lodge-based community grants to veterans' services and youth outreach.

Specific impacts for our lodge:

More CIP Grant Capacity : We can now apply for up to \$11,500 in combined Beacon, Gratitude, and Spotlight Grant funding, thanks to the Spotlight Grant increase to \$2,500. This means more resources for community partnerships, service projects, and local impact.

Greater State Association Support : The \$11.7 million in State Grants means stronger funding pipelines for statewide initiatives that our lodge participates in.

Expanded Veterans support : With funding increasing to \$7.3 million, lodges nationwide now have greater access to Welcome Home Kits, volunteer resources, and veteran support programs. **I'm proud to share that our Veterans' Committee is already putting these funds to work to strengthen the services we provide here at home.**

Scholarship Expansion : With \$5.8 million dedicated to scholarships, including larger Legacy Awards, our lodge can help more local students.

Youth initiatives continue to thrive. The Soccer Shoot engaged 29,702 children across 35 states, while the Drug Awareness Program reached 47,500 youth, distributed 2 million educational materials, and generated over 1 million video views.

Patriotism also played an important role throughout the week as Elks honored the 100th anniversary of the Elks National Memorial, reflected on the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and marked the 25th anniversary of September 11, moments that underscored the Order's long-standing commitment to service, unity, and remembrance.

Finally, the Government Relations Committee shared numbers that truly define the impact of our AOrder: \$544.6 million in charitable contributions nationwide, 12.7 million volunteer hours, and 48.8 million miles traveled in service nationwide. **Specifically, for FY 2025-2026, Royal Oak Detroit provided \$35,000 in cash and non-cash charitable contributions, 2,631 volunteer hours, and 10,192 miles traveled in service** These figures highlight the exceptional work of Royal Oak-Detroit and Elks everywhere and demonstrate that when we step forward, communities benefit.

This is our moment to keep the momentum going. Let's continue the great work our lodge is known for by staying involved, showing up with purpose, and bringing the kind of energy that keeps our mission moving forward.

Ready Elks - Let's Go!



Membership

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NUMBER OF MEMBERS AS OF 07/31/26: 272

INCREASE OF 4

DELINQUENT: 40 LAPSATION: 14.93%

INITIATED: 7 DROPPED: 0

REINSTATED: 0 TRANSFER OUT: 0

TRANSFERS IN: 0 DEATH: 3

LIFE PERCENTAGE: 19.78%



Royal Oak Detroit Elks Lodge #34
2401 East 4th Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

READ ON THE FLOOR AT THE JULY 23, 2026 LODGE MEETING

CHRISTOPHER DAVIS

Royal Oak

Proposer - Bryan Wisniewski

CHRISTOPHER R. PETTI

Royal Oak

Designer

Proposer - Timothy Gignac

ROD #34

CHARTIABLE GIVING

HOURS YTD: 651

DOLLARS YTD: \$21,191

August Birthdays



Kevin Abner

Thomas Jackson

Katherine Bailey

Tim Lankin

Daniel Baker

Dustin Mizah

Martin Bandemer

Merle Muthler

Robert Cantin

Lawrence Penar

Julie Chamberlain

Gerald Perotti

Jeffrey Cideko

Geoffrey Reppenhagen

Kathryn Delinski

Geryln Rex

Wendy Gambill

Joseph Tagliavia

Timothy Gignac

Russ Heckenberg

Jack Yandura

THANKS

FOR

BEING AWESOME

TO THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR TIME TO MAKE SURE OUR
EVENTS LAST MONTH WERE SUCCESSFUL!

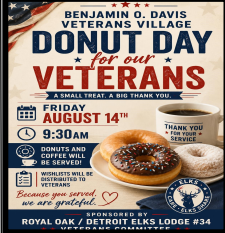
THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

DAVE FETT, KATHY TASCH, MIKE REARICK, KATIE MURTO,
JILL KOSTERS, CARLA JOHNSON, TERESA GARNER,
JIM & LAURA FLANIGAN, CHARLOTTE SMITH,
MAXINE FETT, JEFF & MICHELLE COLLICK, GERI REX,
LISA VITALE, CHERYL OLSON, JON CURCIO,
GERRY GOODWIN & HELEN LAWTON



August



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 DROP-IN EUCHRE EVERY MONDAY Registration @6:30					1
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NEED A HALL TO RENT FOR A PARTY, WEDDING, SHOWER, GRADUATION, ETC. OR A ROOM FOR A MEETING?
WE HAVE WHAT YOU NEED! FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE HALL MANAGER AT
HCRODELKS@YAHOO.COM OR CALL 248.544.3560

Upcoming Events

WED - SEPTEMBER 9TH - HC MTG @6:30 & BOD MTG @7:00
FRI - SEPTEMBER 11TH - 9/11 CEREMONY
SAT - SEPTEMBER 12TH - ANNUAL PICNIC - 12PM TO 6PM
SAT - SEPTEMBER 19TH - BAR BANGO - 7PM TO 10PM
THUR - SEPTEMBER 27TH - LODGE MEETING @7PM

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR EVENT DETAILS